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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5090

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: MILITARY SITREP; 1110Z 20 MAY

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON KOLWEZI OPERATION RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN
MILITARY REP. IN GOZ MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN KINSHASA:

2. ENEMY ESCAPED FROM KOLWEZI WITH 70 TRUCKS, PROCEEDED WEST ON
HIGHWAY TO MUTSHATSHA, TURNED SOUTH TO BRIDGE OVER MUKULESHI RIVER
ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY AT 200900Z MAY 78.
BRIDGE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED. ENEMY LEFT THE TRUCKS AND
PROCEEDED ON FOOT TO ZAMBIAN BORDER.

3. TOTAL OF 2000 ENEMY WERE IN KOLWEZI; ALL BUT 500 LEFT KOLWEZI
MORNING OF 19 MAY, ABOUT ONE HALF (750) WITH THE TRUCKS AND THE
OTHER HALF (750) ON FOOT DUE SOUTH TO THE BORDER. THE 500 WHO
REMAINED IN KOLWEZI HAD TWO CAPTURED AML ARMORED VEHICLES; ONE
WAS DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AND THE OTHER WAS STILL IN OPERATION THE
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MORNING OF 20 MAY.

4. HOSTAGES MAY BE WITH RETREATING FORCES. TRUCKS WERE NOT ATTACKED
BY MIRAGE AIRCRAFT FOR THIS REASON.
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